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LETTER DATED 12 MAY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BURKINA FASO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the declaration of the Government of Burkina Faso of 4 May 1994 concerning the situation in Rwanda.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this declaration circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Gaëtan R. OUEDRAOGO

Annex

Declaration of 4 May 1994 by the Government of Burkina Faso concerning the situation in Rwanda

In the light of the situation of generalized civil war which has existed in Rwanda since 6 April 1994, following the tragic death of the Presidents of Rwanda and Burundi in the murderous attack upon the Rwandese presidential aircraft, and in the light of the ongoing genocide characterized by intolerable and inhuman atrocities, the Government of Burkina Faso expresses its deep concern at the tragic fate imposed on the Rwandese population by the parties to the current conflict in that country.

Deploring the international community's failure to respond appropriately to the Rwandese crisis, the Government of Burkina Faso, in keeping with its policy of peace and tolerance, urgently calls upon all parties to the conflict to come to their senses and make peace unconditionally and without delay and to consolidate that peace by agreeing to sit down at the discussion and negotiation table in the context of the efforts currently being made by the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, with the support of the countries friendly to Rwanda.

The Government of Burkina Faso reaffirms that the process of democratization going on throughout Africa and the efforts of the African States for the socio-economic development of our continent will be useless and incapable of attaining their goals unless those actions are carried out by and for the peoples of this continent.